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Just "plane" family fun!

By Capt. Jeff Dorr
Public Affairs

Did you know the fourth largest aviation museum in America is here in Georgia? The Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base is that museum. With a collection of 90 aircraft and missiles, the museum showcases everything from an 1896 glider to modern planes such as the SR-71 Blackbird, the U-2 Dragon Lady and the F-15 Eagle.

The museum itself is home to a variety of educational programs and centers including the Flight and Technology Center, Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, The Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center, The STARBASE ROBINS Education Program, and the Mission Quest Flight Simulation Center. Over 62,000 students participated in programs at the center this year.

The Heritage Building features an exhibit called "Windows to a Distant Past." One of Georgia's most unique sight-and-sound Native American Exhibits, it depicts the ancestral life of the Muskogee (Creek) Indians.

The museum, while growing and contributing to the community, uses its resources to educate and provide a positive experience for today's young and old. By teaching and fostering teamwork through math, science and technology applications, the museum is

going beyond the call of being an ordinary "walk-through" tour. The curriculum is meant to help Georgia educators reach students with a program that encourages use and understanding of mathematics and science.

What makes this museum really stand



out are two very different yet very unique exhibits; "America's Black Eagles" and "God Is My-Co-Pilot, the Robert L. Scott, Jr. Story." Both exhibits were established with the assistance of two living legends, Lt. Col. Charles A. Dryden (USAF-Ret) and Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, Jr. (USAF-Ret). "America's Black Eagles" is the largest Tuskegee Airmen exhibit in America and chronicles their history with photos and information about the black Americans involved in significant events in aviation history.

The "God Is My-Co-Pilot" exhibit depicts the life of Gen. Scott, Jr. from the time he was 12 discovering flight with a rooftop experiment off his house, to his combat missions over China where he achieved

22 aerial victories, to his current role with the museum.

You often can catch Scott still giving tours and getting requests to have his picture taken in front of the P-40 "Warhawk" similar to the one he flew in 1942.

The museum is still expanding and has a 10-year plan to develop and build out the 43-acre complex to be known as a "Walk Through History" with several outdoor exhibits and new indoor exhibit hangers.

All this and more can be found with only a short trip down Interstate 75.

Admission is free and the museum is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. So much to see, so close to home, so why haven't you gone?



Vehicle registration of fire moves into new home

By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

No longer do people need to wander aimlessly from building to building over winding roads around base attempting to get a car decal.

The Vehicle Registration Office, which was located on the first floor of building 838, is moving. A trailer has been set up in the side parking lot next to the main gate to accommodate the move.

"The trailer that is located out front is only temporary," said Dan Adamson, administrator of vehicle registration. "The perma-

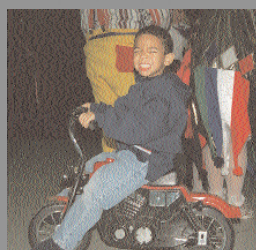


nent structure for the vehicle registration office will take about two years to complete. This building will be next to the trailer."

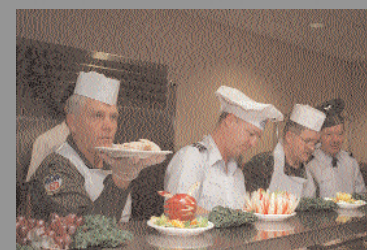
While the permanent structure is under construction, all vehicle registration business will be handled in the trailer.

"Having the Vehicle Registration Office inside the guarded confines of the base posed a serious safety issue," said Adamson. "We cannot afford having unauthorized people roaming the base in search of an office. The new location is also more visible and is in a more convenient spot."

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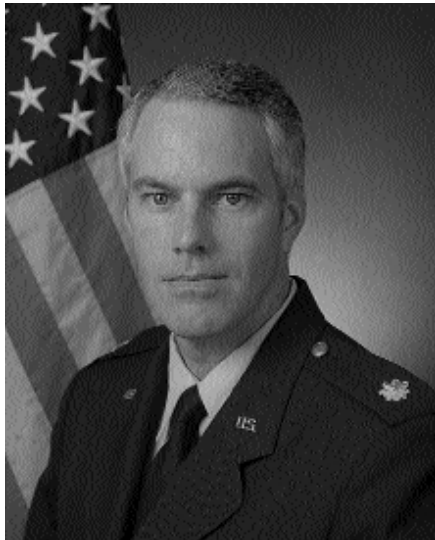


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enjoy holiday fanta-
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up fine food during
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Around the Wing



(Photo by Don Peek)

By Maj. Dave Calland
94th Military Personnel Flight, commander

This time of year evokes many memories in all of us as we reflect on the year that has passed and look forward with new hope toward the turn of yet another year. As I reflect on this season, and past year, one overwhelming theme resounds in my mind's eye; that of the silent acts of those I've had the privilege to serve with and observe on a day-to-day basis. Those acts that to the casual observer may seem trivial or go unnoticed in my humble opinion, speak volumes regarding the servant's heart in many of our wing personnel.

I can recall occasions such as the time when a new recruit came to out process through the relocations office headed for the challenges of basic training. Overflowing with anxiety, he found himself in for a challenge even before leaving the base. The weather on this particular day was horrible, and our new recruit had no transportation. Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Thompson, then NCOIC of the Relocations Office, set aside her schedule for the morning and personally drove this young troop all over the wing to ensure he completed his processing and was able to make his scheduled flight at the airport. Not required functions of the job, but a silent act of compassion that surely left the right impression on this young man.

On another occasion, Tech. Sgt. Mark Brown assisted a customer with one of the most selfless acts I think I have observed. This particular customer was disabled, confined to a wheel chair and unable to facilitate entry into the men's room on the first floor

of our building. In his usual "I'm here to serve" fashion, Mark assisted the member by helping him through the men's room door. What Mark did not know at the time was that the gentleman needed additional assistance. Brown found himself emptying a colostomy bag for the gentleman, due to the severity of his condition. Another silent act of compassion by one of our fellow citizen soldiers.

I am also aware of a couple of officers assigned to the wing that personally purchased a plane ticket for one of our members so that she could fly home during a severe crisis in her immediate family. This individual would have otherwise been unable to be present during this critical time. I could share numerous examples of situations and how time after time the men and women of the 94th Airlift Wing have acted in silence, meeting the needs of those around them.

As I prepare to leave the wing, I find that these are my most precious memories, those of having had the honor and privilege of serving along side such men and women as yourselves. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my gratitude. My family and I wish each of you a safe and healthy holiday season.

Top-Three Connection



By Master Sgt. Donna Bridges
94th Airlift Wing, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, law office manager

Here we are at the beginning of another New Year. As you are making your New Year's resolutions, let me recommend one to you. Resolve to get your legal affairs in order.

We never know from one day to the next what life has in store for us. We can be called upon at a moment's notice to leave our family and the life as we know it, to go off to a foreign country for any period of time. If you put your legal affairs in order now, when and if you are called upon, you will already know that your will and power of attorney are done and your family will be taken care of in your absence.

A power of attorney is a very important part of your legal affairs. It is a document that allows another person to act on your behalf in your absence.

There are two types of powers of attorney. A general power of attorney allows your attorney to do banking, tax and insurance transactions, as well as handling government paperwork in your absence or conducting business transactions. Because the general power of attorney is so powerful, you must be sure to only give it to the person you trust the most. Once a power of attorney is executed, there are only three ways to revoke it; 1) when it expires on the expiration date, 2) if you rip up the original, or 3) if you should die. Therefore, we recommend you only have one general power of attorney and keep it in a safe place and only give it to your attorney at the time of your departure.

A special power of attorney is prepared for only a few specific tasks, such as dependent care, banking transactions, or the purchase or sale of your home or automobile. Although it is as important as a general power of attorney, the chances of someone hurting you with it are much smaller.

No one really wants to face the fact that someday we will die. But think what your loved ones go through once you are gone when they are faced with making distribution of your property. If you have a Last Will and Testament, you will have done that for them. Your wishes will be known even after you are dead.

A will is especially important if you are a parent. Don't you want to be the one to determine who will raise your children in your absence? If you don't have a will, the state will determine who that person will be.

You may think you don't need a will because you are single and don't own anything. Although this may be true, it is still a good idea to get a will and decide who you want to be your executor, or the person who will execute your Last Will and Testament.

It doesn't take much to get your legal affairs in order and we in the wing legal office strive to make it as easy as possible for you. We do powers of attorney any time

during the week or during the UTA weekend. Normally, preparing a power of attorney takes less than ten minutes. Wills are done on a walk-in basis on every Saturday morning of the UTA from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. We then prepare your will and have it ready for your signature on Sunday of that same UTA.

Please come by and see us in your legal office and start the New Year off right by taking care of your legal affairs.

What is the HRDC?

By Col. Jim Glenn
94th Airlift Wing, vice commander

The HRDC is the Human Resources Development Council. To best describe what it is may be best served by telling you what it is NOT! The HRDC is not a body to develop or set diversity quotas nor does it recommend arbitrary targets or goals for the command or unit. It does look at the demographics of the local work force to make recommendations to the wing commander and Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. The driving motivation is to develop initiatives to increase cultural diversity to assure a fair and even "playing field" for everyone. The potential benefit is a significant positive impact on readiness. The use of the talents of all our personnel and their contribution to the unit make a far superior product to many of our old "standard practices."

The 94th Airlift Wing HRDC is currently looking at readiness issues that should improve the wing's performance and support all our personnel. These issues include developing a training process for new supervisors to provide better leadership to the personnel they supervise and developing an education process to enable everyone to take advantage of promotion opportunities that exist in the wing and the command. Each of these ideas should improve wing performance. Committees working these issues need assistance and people willing to become involved and motivated to give of themselves. The HRDC is also working to begin a StarBase Dobbins education program for local 4th, 5th, and 6th grade school children to get motivation and educational benefits in math, science, and technology.

I challenge each of you to look inside and see if you might be interested in making the commitment to make Dobbins and the 94th Airlift Wing a better place to work and serve. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested. Our next meeting is Saturday of the February UTA.

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January UTA Schedule

*This schedule is subject to change

Saturday, Jan. 6

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-0900	HEARING CONSERV (REFRESHER)	BLDG 922/CONF RM
0900-1000	HEARING CONSERV (INITIAL)	BLDG 922/CONF RM
0900-1100	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1600	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1000-1100	PCIII WORKERS GP (OCT/JAN/APR/JUL)	BLDG 827/RM 208B
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	94CF/BLDG 827
1300-1400	"PREPARING YOUR BUDGET" (FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD TNG (REFRESHER TNG)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG	BLDG 838/ WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94OG/94OSF	BLDG 922/FRONT
1700-1800	DINNER (SVF)	VERHULST HALL
AS REQUIRED	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

Sunday, Jan. 7

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0800-1200	MASK FIT TESTING UNIT: TBD	BLDG 838/RM 1410
0830	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	BLDG 550/RM 201
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000	FR UNIT POC REP MTG (FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313
0900-1100	NBCWD (REFRESHER) (628CEF)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR'S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1600	MEO EO-2000 TRAINING (SA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/ 2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	NEWCOMERS MTG (94AW/CC) (JAN/MAR/JUN/SEP)	CONSOL OPEN MESS (COM)
1545-1630	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND

Competition helps fire - fighters maintain skills

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Although the home team won the Air Force Reserve Command fire protection skills competition at Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla., Nov. 14-16, every competitor emerged a winner, said Don Warner, AFRC command fire chief.

"The competition has evolved into a training event unequaled in positive impact on our fire departments," said Fire Chief Warner.

Begun in 1990, the biennial competition was designed to stimulate training in essential skills needed by firefighters. It pits four-member teams from each of the eight AFRC installation fire departments against each other.

One of the events involves search and rescue in a small maze, which represents a small two- or three-room building. At the first competition in 1990, half the teams were unable to complete the event in the 10-minute time limit, and some could not find their way out.

"I was personally terrified at the prospect of losing firefighters during what should be a pretty simple fire-fighting operation," Warner said. "In this year's competition, every team completed the event in the allocated time without losing their bearings. This is the reason we have this competition - to improve the way we do business and make it less likely that fire fighters will be killed or injured during an actual operation."

Each fire department hosts the event on a rotational basis. Individuals become team members by volunteering then competing for team positions. The team members then assemble at the host installation for three days of competition. Each event is based on real-world fire department operations such as advancing hose, raising ladders, search and rescue, vehicle operations, and physical fitness. The rules for each event are based on commonly accepted practices published in fire ground and operational and training guidance.

The top three finishers of the competition earned a trophy to be displayed in their fire station. Team members also received a trophy for their individual efforts. In addition to the first-place Homestead team, the crew from Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y., came in second and the squad from Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., finished third.

Warner said basic fire-fighting skills sometimes suffer because firefighters must keep abreast of changes in technology and skill requirements.

"Someone has to be able to get the hose off the truck and get it to the fire safely and expediently," he said. "This is the sole reason and justification for this competition - it makes us all remember that the basic charter of every fire department is to fight fire and perform rescue without killing ourselves or others." (AFRC News Service)

The North Pole com

By Senior Airman Asia Grimes
Public Affairs

"This is your captain, George Pelech, speaking. Flight time to the North Pole is approximately 18 hours, with area temperature currently 30 degrees below zero." So began the journey for nearly 60 young children of all ages participating in this year's "Trip to the North Pole" also known as Bay 2 here at Dobbins.

The fun-filled event began at 11 a.m. on Saturday of the December UTA, as the excited line of tiny adventurers boarded a C-130 to "fly" to the North Pole. Gaily dressed clowns and elves dressed in green and red fluttered about entertaining the young children as they sang Christmas carols and took turns touring the cockpit. While the youngsters never left the ground, their imaginations soared as thoughts of landing to meet with Santa danced in their heads. And they weren't disappointed as Mr. and Mrs. Claus roared onto the flightline in a bright red fire truck with screaming sirens, honking horns, whistling bells...but no Rudolph the reindeer.

Mr. Claus in his trademark red suit, with matching white beard, merrily rounded up the children, as Mrs. Claus warmly greeted the camera-shy kids who gathered around the couple as they all headed into the bay to play games, eat lunch and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

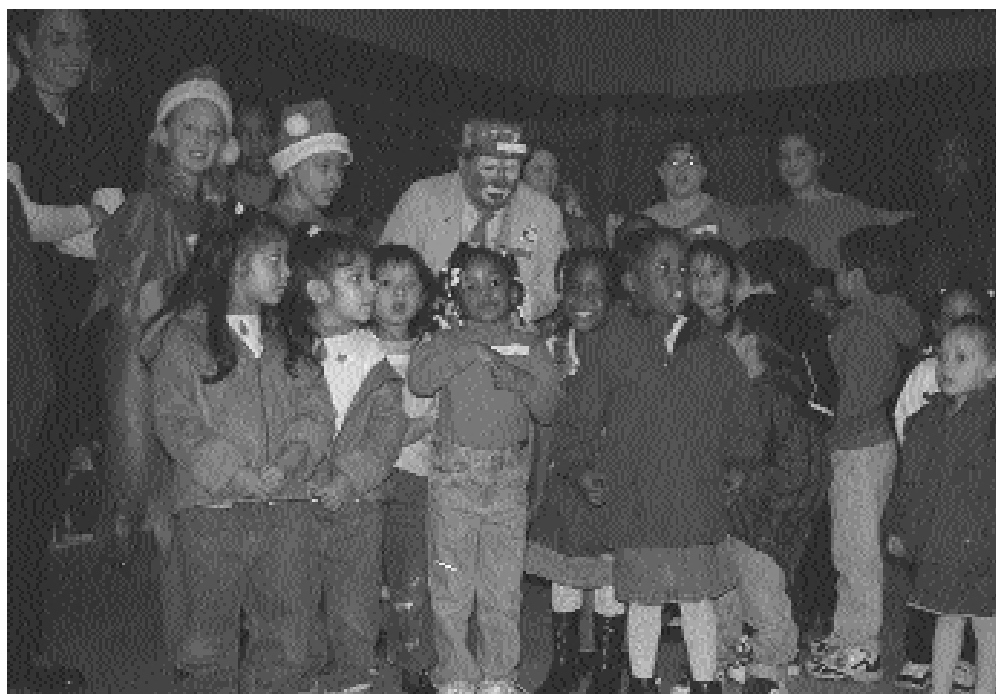
The Silverliners, a volunteer group of former Eastern Airline flight attendants,

organize the annual event which benefits mentally, socially and economically deprived children who come from groups like the Cobb County Head Start program, Community Development ministries and the City of Marietta.

This is the ninth year the Silverliners have run the event here at Dobbins, and the 17th year the group has directed the program in Georgia. The program is part of a nationwide program covering 25 cities and Mexico according to event coordinator Jeanne Smith. "For some of our children, this is the only Christmas they have," Smith said.

Throughout the year, Smith and other Silverliner volunteers collect contributions from corporate, individual and community donors to provide toys, food and games for the event. During this year's event, the organization worked with several community organizations including Toys for Tots, which has provided toys for participants for the last three years. Other community volunteers, including elves from a local Girl Scout troop and clowns from the community group "Smile" provided entertainment, served food (donated by Chick-fil-A) and ended the day helping Santa give toys and "goodie" bags stuffed with small treats to all the children.

While the North Pole event occurs only once a year, the Silverliners continue the spirit of giving by returning any unused toys to Toys for Tots and other community organizations, making sure other children have a happy holiday too.



Approximately 60 mentally, socially and economically deprived children from groups like the Cobb County Head Start program, Community Development ministries and the City of Marietta attended the holiday party at Dobbins. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Capt. David Scott, 700th Airlift Squadron, shows a little girl the view from the cockpit of the C-130 used to simulate the flight to the North Pole. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

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Above: Many of the children took time to stop and get their picture taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

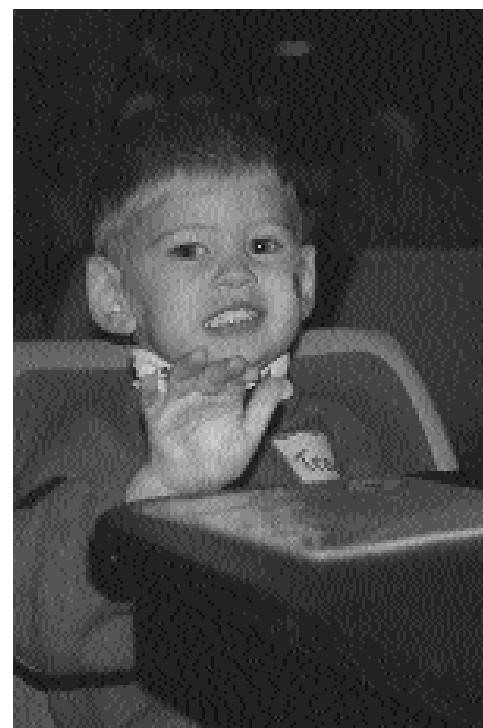
Left: While on the pretend flight to the North Pole, the children were overwhelmed by how loud the C-130 can be. (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



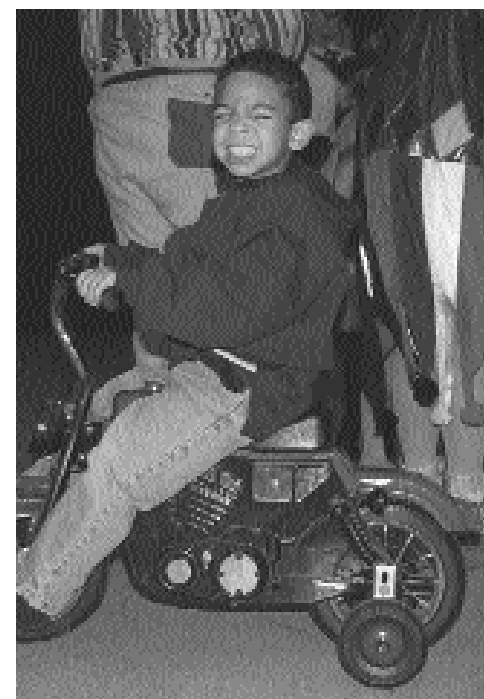
Santa Claus (also known as Tech. Sgt. David Doemier, 80th Aerial Port Squadron) and Mrs. Claus arrived to the event aboard one of the Dobbins Fire Department fire trucks. After the children got off the C-130 they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and taken into the hangar. Each child received a toy donated by Toys for Tots. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Capt. George Pelech, 700th Airlift Squadron, helps one of the smaller children while exploring one of the many Christmas trees setup in Bay 2 of Building 838. The hangar was setup to look like the children were entering a winter wonderland. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

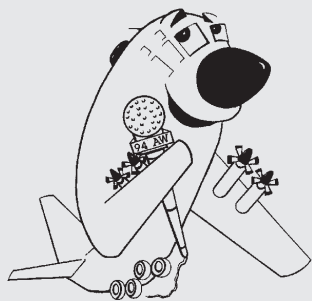


The children took a break from playing to eat lunch donated by Chick-fil-a. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Aside from the clowns, magicians, and moonwalk, many of the children looked like this young man spinning all over the hangar. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

Herk Wonders



What are you going to do to promote the United States Air Force Reserve this new year?

"I'm employed at the Department of Juvenile Justice. I encourage youth offenders who are eligible to enlist to consider the Air Force or the Reserve as an alternative for developing themselves."

Senior Airman Cynthia Owens, 94th Airlift Wing Finance

"I graduated from high school five years ago. I visit my teachers and talk to their students about the benefits of Air Force training in a specialty career and the opportunities to educate themselves with the assistance of the GI bill. I also let them know that the military provides an endless network of contacts for opportunities and information."

Senior Airman Earlie Hughes, 94th Communications Flight, computer operator

"I'm a member of the 700th Airlift Squadron's aircrew life support shop. My team helps to promote the Reserve by providing good demonstration equipment (parachutes, oxygen masks, life preservers) for the pilots to exhibit at local schools during their presentations. Children are informed that the Reserve is a good choice with many opportunities."

Staff Sgt. Rick Hadsell, 700th Airlift Squadron, aircrew life support technician

"I rescinded my retirement to continue my career. I will promote the Reserve by continuing to improve my service in my career field."

Tech. Sgt. Lander Collins, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, air cargo specialist

"At my civilian job I let people know about my military involvement. I tell people with previous active duty experience about opportunities in the Reserve."

Tech Sgt. Gary Overbey, 94th Airlift Wing, chaplain service support personnel

Membership has its privileges

The Consolidated Club is sponsoring a membership night Jan. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. One guest per member is permitted for \$5. No one under 18 is permitted. Prizes for members, including a DVD player, will be given out through out the night.

Run for fun

The Fitness Center will be holding a run Jan. 24. The run begins at 11:45 a.m. at the Fitness Center. T-shirts will be given to all participants. Those who would like to participate can sign up at the Fitness Center.

Super Bowl XXXV party

The Consolidated Club host a Super Bowl party Jan. 28, beginning at 6 p.m. Prizes will be given at half time. A free taco and chili bar will also be provided.

A day at the races

A trip to Victory Land Greyhound Park is being sponsored by Outdoor Recreation Feb. 9 - 11. The trip leaves from the Dobbins Recreation Center at 10 a.m. on the 9th and returns around 1 p.m. on the 11th. For more information call (770) 919-4870.

A dinner for lovers

The Consolidated Club is hosting a Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. The meal will include Chateau Briand for two, served table side, special side dishes, wine, dessert, and romantic dinner music provided by Mr. Chuck Weirich. All for only \$49.95 per couple. For reservations contact the Consolidated Club at (770) 919-4594.

Balloon bouquets

The Dobbins Creations Shop will be holding a Valentine's Day Balloon Bouquet Sale Feb. 14, beginning at 8 a.m. Delivery on base is free. Contact the Creations Shop in Building 558 or call (770) 919-5717 for more information.

Mardi Gras

The Consolidated Club is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Dinner/ Party on Feb. 23.

The Club will feature a Cajun buffet with Louisiana sausage, black beans and rice, seafood gumbo, jambalaya, crawdads, shrimp creole and much more. All you care to eat for members for \$14.95. Call the Club at (770) 919-4594 to make your reservations.

Family Readiness

Family Readiness continues to visit units to conduct classes to assist members

with their personal readiness plan. Family members should always know where significant documents are located, such as wills and powers of attorney, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates and bank account numbers.

If you are interested in volunteering to join a unit Family Support Group (FSG), please contact Family Readiness. The FSGs will assist at the time of mobilizations, deployments and disasters. Each month, Family Readiness will meet with a different unit's FSG.

The following workshops are held on Saturday of the UTA from 1 - 2 p.m., in room 2313 of building 838: Preparing Your Budget - January, April, July, October; Resume Preparation - February, May, August, November; Stress/Time Management - March, June, September, December. Family Readiness is always available to visit a unit and present any of the workshops.

The following meetings are held on Sunday of the UTA from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.: Family Readiness Unit Points of Contact - January, April, July, October - room 2313 of building 838; Community Action Information Board (CAIB) - February, May, August, November - Wing Commander executive conference room; Family Readiness Unit Family Support Group (FSG) Spouse Volunteers - March, June, September, December - room 2313 of building 838.

Family Readiness hosts the following support groups as requested on Saturday of the UTA from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in room 2313 of building 838 - Caretaker (Elder Care) and Marriage and Parenting.

For more information, contact J. Ealy Ritter at (770) 919-5004. If out of the Atlanta area call toll free (888) 436-2246, Ext. 9-5004.

GLOWMOBILE schedule

The Georgia License on Wheels (GLOWMOBILE) will be in the Base Exchange parking lot, Building 530, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates: Thursday, Feb. 22; Thursday, May 3; Thursday, Aug. 2; Thursday, Nov. 1.

This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Bobby Price at (770) 919-4830.

Vacation anyone?

The Armed Forces Vacation Club is offering resort vacations for \$209. For more information pick up a voucher at any participating ITT office or call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988 and give them account number 7033-00000.

A bit of advice

Before making the decision to leave the Reserve please contact your wing career assistance advisor. There may be benefits,

entitlements and programs that could make your tenure profitable and more meaningful. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4p.m. and UTAs 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. or by phone at (770) 919-5003, (888) 4DOBBIN (ext. 9-5003) and DSN 925-5003. The wing career assistance advisor's office is located in Bldg. 838, Room 2237.

Veteran's benefits and services

Ever wonder if you're missing out on some of the benefits you may have earned as a result of your time spent on active duty or in the Reserve? The following websites can answer all your questions: www.va.gov. and www.homeloans.va.gov. Also, you can contact the Department of Veterans, Regional Loan Center, 1700 Clairmont Road, P.O. Box 100023, Decatur, GA 30031-7023 or give them a call at (888) 768-2132.

Protect your rights

Are you having Reserve related work problems? The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) of 1994 provides protection and rights to employees who participate in the Guard and Reserve. The National Committee for ESGR and the Department of Defense continue to work hard to obtain and sustain employer and community support for guard Reserve members who are periodically away from their civilian jobs to perform military duty. If you are experiencing conflicts in your civilian workplace contact the ESGR at (800) 336-4590 (ask for Ombudsmen Services) or access them on the web at www.esgr.org.

Money, Money, Money

Signed into law Oct. 30, the FY01 National Defense Authorization Act includes a 3.7 percent military pay raise effective as of Jan. 1. It also increases the maximum number of reserve retirement points that may be credited for inactive duty training in a year from 75 to 90, allowing a better retirement pension. It allows children of reservists and reserve retirees the chance to gain presidential appointments to the service academies on the same basis as active duty. For more information contact the wing career assistance advisor at (770) 919-5003, DSN 925-5003 or (888) 4DOBBINS, ext. 9-5003.

Need supplies?

Griffin Services Base Supply is the point of order for supplies and other items. For all supply issues, contact Willie Young, customer liaison officer. Call the Supply hotline at (770) 919-5014. For all IMPAC purchases please ensure that the items are delivered to your building and not supply. If they are equipment items please let MaryAnn Cason know at (770) 919-5025.

Newly Assigned

- Maj. Ken Kirk
- Maj. Nevenka Metikos
- Capt. Thomas Polawski
- Senior Master Sgt. David A. Holman
- Master Sgt. James R. Garrett
- Master Sgt. Anthony N. Rosh
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- Senior Airman Christopher Greene
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When vitamin supplements are necessary

By Staff Sgt. Huston Gilliard, Jr.
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There are certain circumstances in which the use of vitamin or mineral supplements are considered necessary. The following is a general list of cases requiring supplementation of some form.

- Women who are pregnant or who are at the child-bearing stage
- Women with heavy menstrual flows
- Senior citizens who are housebound
- Breast-fed infants, while they are exclusively breast fed
- Strict vegetarians
- People with food allergies, food intolerance, or poor appetites
- Chronically ill individuals
- People recovering from surgery
- Heavy drinkers and smokers
- Children with finicky eating habits

Still feel a little confused? The best approach is to consult a registered dietician, nutritionist, or a family physician, to give you insight on what you and your family need. No two people are exactly alike, therefore, supplements should be based on individual assessments.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Timothy M. Broughton
Base Chapel

At the risk of an intrusive intimacy with which many of us are unfamiliar, I will ask you to ponder the following questions. When was the last time you did the right thing for the right reason, and your reward was to be abandoned or deserted by those near and dear to you, even when what you had done was perhaps on their behalf? They abandoned you, they left you by yourself, even those who in the long run would get the benefit of your having done the right thing. And when was the last time that doing the right thing cost you the support or the affection of your friends, or cost you influence or prestige or power? Think for a moment.

Attempting to answer these questions honestly might easily remind us of times that we would rather forget. But hardly anyone of us can deny the reality that there is a price for truth. Yes, life often becomes loneliest when an unpopular path is chosen; choosing to tell the truth when it would much easier to tell an untruth; standing up for something

that is right when it would be much easier to go along with crowd to fit in. History gives us heroic displays of such courage. When presented with the question of slavery, President Abraham Lincoln firmly stood on the principle that America could not survive a divided nation. During the despair of the Great Depression of the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt insisted that Americans had nothing to fear but fear itself. To paraphrase the profound words of Robert Frost, the popular road is not always the proper road to take, in many instances it is the path that is least traveled that makes all the difference.

Therefore, as we approach the end and embark on a new millennium year, let us continue to find the courage to choose to do the right thing. And when we have chosen to act, let us rejoice in the hope of knowing that we have followed the right path. Finally, may our faith sustain us in those lonely moments recognizing that our willingness to sometimes stay where we are and live the situation out to the best of our ability is the height, depth and length of our humanity.

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		Years of Service														
		<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
Pay Grade	O-10	1135.84	1175.80	1175.80	1175.80	1175.80	1220.92	1220.92	1288.56	1288.56	1380.80	1380.80	1473.24	1480.52	1511.28	1564.96
	O-9	1006.68	1033.04	1055.04	1055.04	1055.04	1081.88	1081.88	1126.88	1126.88	1220.92	1220.92	1288.56	1307.12	1333.96	1380.80
	O-8	911.76	941.64	961.40	966.96	991.64	1033.04	1042.64	1081.88	1093.16	1126.88	1175.80	1220.92	1251.04	1251.04	1251.04
	O-7	757.64	809.12	809.12	815.00	845.44	868.60	895.40	922.12	948.92	1033.04	1104.12	1104.12	1104.12	1104.12	1109.68
	O-6	561.52	616.88	657.36	657.36	659.88	688.12	691.88	691.88	714.76	800.72	841.52	882.32	905.52	929.04	974.64
	O-5	449.16	527.32	563.84	570.72	593.40	593.40	611.24	644.24	687.44	730.88	751.60	772.04	795.28	795.28	795.28
	O-4	378.56	460.96	491.72	498.60	527.12	550.36	587.96	617.24	637.56	658.00	664.88	664.88	664.88	664.88	664.88
	O-3	351.76	398.80	430.40	465.24	487.52	511.96	532.36	558.64	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28
	O-2	306.80	349.44	402.48	416.04	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64
	O-1	266.36	277.20	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04
	O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	465.24	487.52	511.96	532.36	558.64	580.76	593.40	610.72	610.72	610.72	610.72	610.72
	O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	416.04	424.64	438.12	460.96	478.60	491.72	491.72	491.72	491.72	491.72	491.72	491.72
	O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	335.04	357.88	371.08	384.56	397.88	416.04	416.04	416.04	416.04	416.04	416.04	416.04
	E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	416.92	426.32	438.28	452.32	466.40	480.24	499.04	517.68	541.44
	E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.60	359.72	369.12	380.44	392.68	405.48	418.40	437.08	455.64	481.68
	E-7	244.16	266.56	276.68	286.64	296.96	307.08	317.20	327.32	337.28	347.60	357.84	367.84	385.44	404.60	433.40
	E-6	210.00	232.04	242.32	252.24	262.60	272.80	283.04	292.92	303.00	310.36	315.72	315.72	316.04	316.04	316.04
	E-5	184.24	206.56	216.52	226.80	237.04	247.44	257.40	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72
	E-4	171.84	189.84	200.08	210.16	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40
	E-3	161.96	174.28	184.48	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72
	E-2	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88
	E-1>4	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04
	E-1<4	128.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

New pay chart effective Jan. 1. Normally, reservists receive credit for four drill pay periods during one weekend unit training assembly.

Commanders-in-Chefs

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman
Public Affairs

Enlisted members of the 94th Airlift Wing saw their commanders in a different light on Sunday of the December unit training assembly. They watched majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels meticulously measure the holiday luncheon servings with exactness of detail to ensure the quenching of appetites of every unit member who came through the serving line.

“Having the commanders serve the troops is a morale booster,” said Airman 1st Class Robin Williams, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron medical services helper. “It gives a common touch to the commanders to bond with their troops.”

“We enjoy preparing good meals,” said Master Sgt. Ralph Wells, 94th Services Squadron dining hall superintendent. “To have the commanders come in and support us emphasizes what our unit is all about-service.”

So what was it like for the officers to experience the serving task of food services?

“It’s good having the chance to meet many of the troops. All of the activity behind the serving line and in the dining hall creates a challenge to hear troops’ requests and get it right,” said Maj. Debra Schwitzer, 94th Logistics Support Squadron commander.

“I’m very fussy about our young men and women having their vegetables,” said Maj. Selina Petaros, 94th Combat Communications Flight commander. “They are still growing and they need their nutrition.”

The common challenge is keeping the portions to what is recommended, said one commander. You naturally want to give the troops more — especially the thin ones.

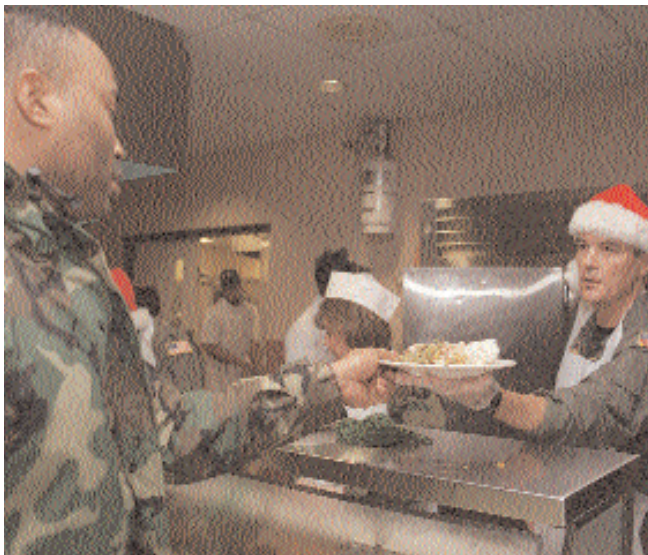
“The commanders have participated with us during the Christmas luncheon for several years now,” said Capt. Patrick Chastain, 94th Services Squadron, food services officer. “The holiday season is a time where commanders can share with the troops. It’s a way of saying thanks.”



Lt. Col. Dave Peltola, 80th Aerial Port Squadron commander, Lt. Col. James Stewart, 94th Operations Group commander, and Col. Linda Pearce, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron participate in serving lunch during the December UIA. (Photo by Don Peek)



And of course, lunch would not be complete without 94th Airlift Wing Commander Col. William Kane (camouflage chef's hat and all). (Photo by Don Peek)



Lt. Col. Stan Gibson, 94th Operations Support Flight, commander makes sure everyone coming through the line got plenty to eat. (Photo by Don Peek)



Col. Linda Pearce, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron commander, cleverly disguised as an elf, serves lunch to a mess hall patron. (Photo by Don Peek)



Lt. Col. Fred Alley, Maj. Selina Petaros, and Maj. Debra Schwitzer, commanders within the 94th Airlift Wing provide service with a smile. From ensuring that the troops get their choice of meat and vegetables overseeing the details of leading their respective units-it's always service with a smile. (Photo by Don Peek)



No, it's not a police line up, it's Col. Jim Hite, 94th Airlift Wing Inspector General, Col. Jim Glenn, 94th Airlift Wing vice commander, Lt. Col. Stephen West, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron commander and Col. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander. (Photo by Don Peek)